

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Division

EDUARDO CEJA AYALA,

Petitioner,

v.

CURRENT OR ACTING FIELD OFFICE  
DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO FIELD  
OFFICE, UNITED STATES  
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 25-cv-00047-LB

**ORDER OF TRANSFER**

Petitioner has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus to challenge his detention by immigration officials in Kern County. Petitioner is confined at the Golden State Annex, in McFarland, California. Kern County lies within the venue of the Eastern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 84(b).

Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). The proper respondent to a habeas petition challenging an immigrant's detention pending a removal order is the warden of the facility housing the detainee. *See Doe v. Garland*, 109 F.4th 1188, 1197 (9th Cir. 2024). The proper venue for such a petition is the district of confinement. *Id.* at 1199. Thus, the preferred venue for this action is the Eastern District of California, where Petitioner is confined.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b), and in the interests of justice, this action is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

The clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: April 18, 2025



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LAUREL BEELER  
United States Magistrate Judge